

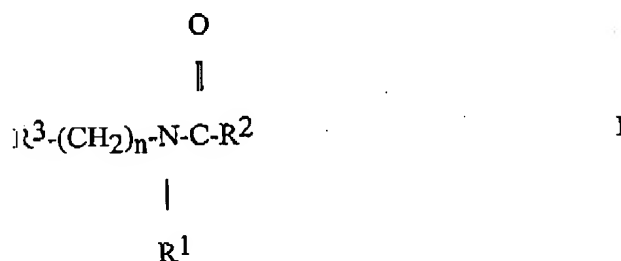
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# AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended)

A compound having the Formula I



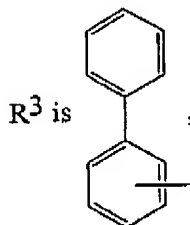
wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is pyridyl, CH<sub>2</sub> pyridyl or substituted pyridyl substituted by OC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl;

n is 1 or 2;

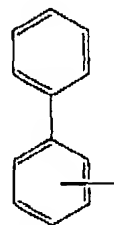
R<sup>2</sup> is substituted phenyl or phenyl substituted by OC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, Obenzyl, halogen or NO<sub>2</sub>.

; and



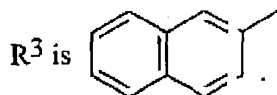
phenyl or substituted phenyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, provided that when R<sup>2</sup> is phenyl and n is 1, R<sup>3</sup> is a phenyl substituted by halogen, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein  $R^3$  is  
 $R^2$  is ethoxy-phenyl; and  $R^1$  is pyridyl.

Claim 3.(withdrawn) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein



Claim 4.(currently amended) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

$R^1$  is pyridyl[[.]]  $\epsilon$ -Cl<sub>2</sub>-pyridyl.

Claim 5.(canceled)

Claim 6.(canceled)

Claim 7.(previously canceled)

Claim 8.(withdrawn) The compounds:

2-Benzylsulfanyl-N-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;  
 N-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;  
 N-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;  
 N-(3,5-Dichloro-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;  
 3,4-Dimethoxy-N-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;  
 3,4-Dimethoxy-N-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;  
 N-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;  
 3,4-Dimethoxy-N-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-N-phenyl-benzamide;

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*N*-(4-tert-butylbenzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-*N*-phenyl-benzamide; and  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-3,4-dimethoxy-*N*-phenyl-benzamide.

Claim 9.(withdrawn) The compounds:

*N*-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;  
*N*-(3,5-Di-tert-butylbenzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;  
*N*-(3,5-Bis-tert-butylbenzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;  
*N*-(3,5-Dibromobenzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;  
*N*-[4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-*N*-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-benzamide;  
*N*-[4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-*N*-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-benzamide;  
  
*N*-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;  
*N*-[4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide; and  
3-Methylthiophene-2-carboxylic acid (4-iodo-phenyl)-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-amide.

Claim 10.(withdrawn) The compounds:

*N*-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-*N*-phenyl-benzamide;  
*N*-(3-Methoxybenzyl)-*N*-phenyl-benzamide;  
3,4,5-Trimethoxy-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-*N*-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-(4-tert-butylbenzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;  
3,4,5-Trimethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-benzamide;  
*N*-(3,5-Di-tert-butylbenzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;  
  
*N*-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;

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4-Isopropyl *N*-pyridin-3-yl-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl) benzamide; and  
 4-Isopropyl *N*-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide.

Claim 11.(withdrawn) The compounds:

4-Isopropyl *N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-(4-tert-butyl benzyl)-4-isopropyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-4-isopropyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-benzamide;  
*N*-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-(3,5-Dimethoxy-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide; and  
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide.

Claim 12.(currently amended) The compounds:

*N*-(4-tert-butyl benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide; and  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide[[]].  
~~*N*-(6-Butoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-2-diethylamino-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-acetamide;~~  
~~*N*-(6-Butoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-*N*-(4-tert-butyl benzyl)-2-diethylamino-acetamide;~~  
~~*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(6-butoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-2-diethylamino-acetamide;~~  
~~*N*-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-benzamide;~~  
~~*N*-(4-Methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~  
~~*N*-(3-Methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~  
~~*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide; and~~  
~~*N*-[4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-benzamide.~~

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Claim 13.(withdrawn) The compounds:

*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;

Benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-4-yl-amide;

*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-2-nitro-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;

Benzo[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-amide;

*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide; and

3-Chlorobenzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-amide

Claim 14.(currently amended) The compounds:

*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;2-Benzoyloxy-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-4-methoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;

Benzo[1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide;

*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2,4-dimethoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;2-Benzoyloxy-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-bromo-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide; and

Benzo[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-amide.

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Claim 15.(currently amended) The compounds:

*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;  
2-Benzylloxyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
~~3-Chloro-benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-yl-~~  
~~amide;~~  
~~Benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-yl-~~  
~~amide;~~  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide; and  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide.

Claim 16.(currently amended) The compounds:

Benzo[1,3-dioxole-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-4-yl-amide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;  
2-Benzylloxyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide; and  
*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide[;].  
~~Benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-~~  
~~amide;~~  
~~*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide;~~  
~~*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-isopropylsulfanyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~  
~~*N*-Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl-*N*-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-propylsulfanyl-benzamide; and~~  
~~*N*-Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl-*N*-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide.~~

Claim 17.(withdrawn) The compounds:

*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-isopropylsulfanyl-*N*-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;  
2-Benzylsulfaryl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;  
2-Benzylsulfaryl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-chloro-phenyl)-benzamide;

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*N*-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-propylsulfanyl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-isopropylsulfanyl-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-3-phenylsulfanyl-benzamide;  
 2-Benzylsulfanyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-1-sulfinyl)-benzamide; and  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-2-sulfinyl)-benzamide.

Claim 18.(withdrawn) The compounds:

2-Benzene sulfinyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-chloro-phenyl)-benzamide;  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-1-sulfinyl)-benzamide  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-2-sulfinyl)-benzamide and  
*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-phenylmethanesulfinyl-.

Claim 19.(previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Claim 1 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 20.(canceled)

Claim 21.(withdrawn) A method of treating atherosclerosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having atherosclerosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 22.(withdrawn) A method of treating atherosclerosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having atherosclerosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

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Claim 23.(withdrawn) A method of treating restenosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having restenosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 24.(withdrawn) A method of treating restenosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having restenosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 25.(withdrawn) A method of treating coronary heart disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having coronary heart disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 26.(withdrawn) A method of treating coronary heart disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having coronary heart disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 27.(withdrawn) A method of treating hyperlipidemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipidemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 28.(withdrawn) A method of treating hyperlipidemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipidemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 29.(withdrawn). A method of treating hyperlipoproteinemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipoproteinemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.



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Claim 30.(withdrawn). A method of treating hyperlipoproteinemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipoproteinemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 31.(withdrawn). A method of treating hypercholesterolemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypercholesterolemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 32. (withdrawn) A method of treating hypercholesterolemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypercholesterolemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 33.(withdrawn) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypertriglyceridemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 34.(withdrawn) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypertriglyceridemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 35.(withdrawn) A method of treating obesity, the method comprising administering to an obese patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 36.(withdrawn) A method of treating obesity, the method comprising administering to an obese patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 37.(withdrawn) A method of lowering plasma concentrations of apoB containing lipoproteins, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of lowering of apoB containing lipoproteins in plasma a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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Claim 38.(withdrawn) A method of lowering plasma concentrations of apoB containing lipoproteins, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of lowering of apoB containing lipoproteins in plasma a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 39.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of Lp(a), the method comprising administering to a patient in need of Lp(a) lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 40.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of Lp(a), the method comprising administering to a patient in need of Lp(a) lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 41.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of LDL, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of LDL lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 42.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of LDL, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of LDL lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 43.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of triglycerides, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of triglyceride lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 44.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of triglycerides, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of triglyceride lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.